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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICAN INVITATION TO ECHEVERRIA TO ATTEND
OLYMPIC DINNER

1. DR. GERMAN RIECKEHOFF, PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES OF 1979, CALLED ON ME THIS MORNING. IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUILD-UP FOR THE 1979 GAMES, THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE IS HOSTING AN "OLYMPIC" DINNER IN PUERTO RICO IN MID-FEBRUARY IN HONOR OF MARIO VAZQUES RANA, PRESIDENT OF THE MEXICAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE. IN ORDER TO GIVE GREATER GLAMOR TO THE OCCASION, DR. RIECKEHOFF IS HERE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVITING PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA TO ATTEND THE FEBRUARY DINNER OR, FAILING THIS, TO NAME A REPRESENTATIVE OF STATURE.

2. ACTING UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE OF PUERTO RICO SANTIAGO ORTIZ HAD ASKED ME TO ASSIST RIECKEHOFF AS APPROPRIATE. I HAD PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH THE OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY (FAUSTO ZAPATA) WHICH IS EXTENDING COURTESIES AND MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT.

3. LAST SATURDAY AT THE MEETING WITH THE AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN I ALSO MENTIONED RIECKEHOFF'S VISIT TO
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PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, POINTING OUT THAT PUERTO RICAN

ASPIRATION AS TO HIS PRESENCE WERE PERHAPS ILLUSIONARY
IN VIEW OF HIS PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT HE DID NOT PLAN
TO TRAVEL ABROAD AGAIN DURING HIS TERM. ECHEVERRIA
INDICATED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT BUT WOULD
BE HAPPY TO NAME A DISTINGUISHED MEXICAN TO REPRESENT
HIM IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE DINNER WAS IN HONOR
OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE MEXICAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE.
(MEXICO WILL BE HOST TO THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES THIS
YEAR.)

4. I TOLD RIECKEHOFF THAT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA WOULD
NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT. HE IS STILL HOPEFUL, HOWEVER,
AND IS ENCOURAGED IN THIS BY MARIO VAZQUEZ WHO
APPARENTLY IS PROPOSING TO THE PRESIDENT THAT HE
RATIONALIZE SUCH A TRIP AS "ATHLETIC" IN NATURE RATHER
THAN POLITICAL, AND, MOREOVER, IT MIGHT SERVE AS A
COUNTERBALANCE TO MRS. ECHEVERRIA'S VISIT TO CUBA.

5. COMMENT: WHILE I AM VERY DOUBTFUL THAT ECHVERRIA
WILL ACCEPT AND I HAVE DISCREETLY ATTEMPTED TO DIS-
COURAGE RIECKEHOFF, ONE NEVER KNOWS AND IT WOULD BE
WELL FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE ITSELF FOR THIS
EVENTUALITY. BOTH RIECKEHOFF AND SANTIAGO ORTIZ HAVE
EMPHASIZED THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE PAN AMERICAN
GAMES IN SAN JUAN AS GIVING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
LATIN AMERICANS TO GATHER VISIBLE EVIDENCE THAT PUERTO
RICO IS NOT AN OPPRESSED COLONY BUT A FREELY ASSOCIATED
"FREE STATE". THEY LOOK ON A VISIT BY ECHEVERRIA AS
SERVING A SIMILAR PURPOSE, ALTHOUGH THEY WILL BE
SATISFIED IF HE DOES IN FACT NAME A PROMINENT MEXICAN
AS A REPRESENTATIVE.
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